

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 968

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Maria Hernandez
upon being named the 2010 Tennessee Youth
of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable young citizen is Maria Hernandez, who was recently named the 2010 Tennessee Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club of America exists to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year Award is the highest honor a member of the Boys and Girls Club can receive, as it recognizes a member's outstanding contributions to family, school, community, and the club, as well as the invaluable ability to overcome hardship and manage challenges; along with this prestigious title, Ms. Hernandez will receive a plaque and a \$7,000 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional senior at Walker Valley High School, Maria Hernandez is the first-ever Tennessee Youth of the Year from the Cleveland Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her community and public service, Ms. Hernandez serves with acumen and alacrity as the president of the Keystone Club, is a member of Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders, and tirelessly mentors youth in the community at the Cleveland Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Hernandez has also achieved outstanding academic success, earning a 3.8 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Maria Hernandez will be representing the Boys and Girls Club of Tennessee at the Southeast Regional Youth of the Year competition in Atlanta in June; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hernandez's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she pursues her dream of becoming a neo-natal nurse in an intensive care unit; and

WHEREAS, Maria Hernandez truly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Hernandez, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Maria Hernandez on being named the 2010 Tennessee Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.